We will meet her again at the resurrection …

Teresa Corti Gutknecht (September 12, 1944-April 7, 2011)

We mourn the passing of a dearly beloved sister, author, friend, and teacher, Teresa Corti Gutknecht, who quietly passed to her rest in the Lord Jesus Christ on April 7, 2011. She will be remembered especially for her many inspirational articles and letters, although she was also greatly appreciated for her language skills, teaching, mentoring, and spiritual support at the missionary school in Albertirsa, Hungary. Her quiet wit and wisdom, her gentle spirit, and her generous heart will be missed by all who knew her.

Born in Uruguay of European parents, who died while she was still a young child, she was raised first by one of her grandmothers and then by an aunt. She lived a life of minimal religious substance well into her middle years, coming to know the Lord and His peace only later in life. Perhaps that is why she valued the truth so much, for she had tried all the world had to offer (including working at the United Nations in New York City as an interpreter) and found no lasting joy in its enticements and promises. She was fluent in Spanish, English, Greek, and French, and called German her “worst” language.

Sister Teresita, as she was called, came into contact with the New Testament when a young student whom she was tutoring in the Greek language told her what he had heard at school about the number 666 of Revelation at the time of the Chernobyl disaster in 1986. She had to confess that she knew nothing about the future as revealed in the Scriptures. This led her to begin to search God’s Word with determination and joy. At the same time, a close friend of hers, Sister Elpida Tsouriadou Teske, told Sister Teresita about some Bible classes. One evening she accepted an invitation to join the small group of believers to study the Bible. She then started to read the inspired writings whenever she had spare time and refused many invitations to parties, preferring, instead, to stay at home with this Book. With all her heart, she desired to know more about Jesus. After one year of Bible studies with Brother Benjamin Gramm, who was at that time leading the group of believers in Athens, Greece, she was baptized in the Mediterranean Sea on June 3, 1988.

After some time, she was called to work as a translator at the General Conference in Germany. There she grew in faith and made many experiences with the Lord through contact with His word due to her personal interest and her work. She understood that she needed the new birth and struggled for a year with the Lord, who finally gave her the assurance of His love and forgiveness. She rested in Him when she found the promise in Romans 8:35-39: “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” When she understood
that she was living by grace through faith, she experienced great peace in her soul.

This experience made it possible for Sister Teresita to guide many of her students to the foot of the cross while she was teaching them English at the missionary school in Hungary, where she taught for six years.

After the school closed, she went with Brother and Sister Siegmund Gutknecht to Germany (Brother Gutknecht had been headmaster of the school) to help take care of Sister Gutknecht. She had suffered a terrible accident in a gas explosion and became bedridden at the end of her life.

For a few years, Sister Teresita stayed in Kurhaus Elim, in Nonnweiler, Germany, conducting morning and evening worships; many patients remember the spiritual studies she offered them. For several years, she was part of the Good Samaritan team and travelled to a few countries in Africa, where she was appalled by the poverty and squalor in which the people suffered.

After the death of Sister Gutknecht, Sister Teresita wanted to support and care for Brother Gutknecht and to help him with some writings of his. He asked her to marry him, which she did. He encouraged her to write her autobiography. The title of that book is *I Am a Debtor to the Greeks*. It can be found in English and Spanish.

She wrote other books in English, Spanish, and Greek, including *The Song of Love; Twelve Pearls from God’s Treasure Trove; Is Death Really a Mystery? The Cross Calls Us; The Truth about Truth;* and *The Revelation*, as well as some poems. She was also a faithful contributor to *The Reformation Messenger*, the Canadian Field monthly magazine.

To do as much as she could with her means, she lived a very simple life, devoid of personal possessions beyond what was necessary for day-to-day existence. She even discouraged the simple gesture of giving flowers to her as something of an extravagance, although she would graciously receive them after expressing her thoughts. While she never had children of her own, she always demonstrated marvelous parenting skills and great love and wisdom in dealing with her students.

Her health began to deteriorate a few months ago, but she never lost hope in her Lord. Until the last moments of her life, she cared for the well being of those around her. During some of her sleepless nights, she prayed and sang her favorite hymns.

Sister Teresita will be greatly missed, but “yet a little while” and we will meet her again before our Father’s throne.

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**GIVE ME THAT KIND OF FAITH**

Oh Lord, give me that faith as a grain of mustard,
To be able to move mountains,
So that I may see a broader horizon.

Oh Lord, give me that kind of faith
That enables me to see the invisible world,
That lifts me above all the negative things
My naked eye can see,
And through the prism of Your love
Reveal to me the hues of life.

Oh Lord, give me that kind of faith
That allows me to touch the hem of Your garment and be healed,
That can make me feel the physical presence of Your angels
Camping around me
And get hold of Your hand, not to let it ever go.

Oh Lord, give me that kind of faith
That sharpens my ears to hear the choir of angels

Around Your throne singing “Holy, Holy, Holy,”
And make me not aware of the strident noises that surround me.

Oh Lord, give me that kind of faith
That smells the fragrance of paradise
And leads me to offer You sacrifices
That You will accept as a sweet smell.

Oh Lord, give me that kind of faith
That can taste Your kindness and grace
And treasure Your word “*more than my necessary food.*”

Oh Lord, give me that kind of faith
That introduces me into Your sanctuary
And keeps me continuously before Your presence,
Acting as the priest You have chosen me to be,
Mediating for the sheep You gave me,
With the love of the Good Shepherd in my heart.

–Teresita Corti
Special Invitation
SEVEN-MONTH MISSIONARY SEMINAR
(Six months of theoretical education/One month of practical experience)

“The gospel of Christ lies at the foundation of all true education and progress. To diffuse light is the great work we are now to do. The truth that Christ is a personal Saviour is to be taught so clearly that souls will submit to be led and taught by God, and in their turn win other souls to Christ.” –(Letter 34, February 24, 1900) Manuscript Releases, vol. 8, p. 157.

Session 1–Cedartown, Georgia, USA: September 20 to December 15, 2011

Break: December 15, 2011, to January 10, 2012

Session 2–Cedartown, Georgia, USA: January 10 to April 5, 2012

Practical Field Training–USA and Canada: April 10 to May 10, 2012

Graduation and Evangelistic Event: July 26 to 28, 2012

A special program for all:
1. Desiring classical in-depth studies in present truth and missionary training
2. Who will commit to two three-month sessions of study at the General Conference headquarters and additional training elsewhere (No visas will be provided for those outside the USA; if you can come on your own, you are welcome)

Costs and prerequisites
1. Applicant must make all of his or her own travel arrangements
2. $100 US per week (includes room and board) (the cost for the first 9 weeks must be paid before the opening of classes). For additional financial counseling, see the contact information below
3. Class size is limited to the first 21 approved applicants
4. Applicant must be least 18 years of age
5. Minimum grade 6 English language communication skills
6. Approved application

“Our conferences look to the schools for educated and well-trained laborers, and they should give the schools a most hearty and intelligent support.” –Testimonies for the Church, vol. 6, pg. 215.

“Our schools are under the supervision of the General Conference.” –General Conference Daily Bulletin, January 30, 1893.

For Application Form go to www.sda1888.org:
Mail application to: IMS SDA Reform Movement
Attention: Pastor Tzvetan Petkov or Brother César Iván Rizzo
P.O. Box S, Cedartown • GA 30125, USA
media@sd1884.org • Phone: 770-748-0077
American Union Conference Updates

Important Notice: Conference Reservation Forms due June 1, 2011!

In preparation for the upcoming Conference there are a few updates we need to share:

1) A special thank you to everyone who has already sent in a conference reservation form. Your early reservations greatly ease the planning process. **If you have not sent in your Reservation Form, please do so now!** It is very important that reservations be mailed in by **June 1, 2011**! In June, the American Union must inform Cohutta Springs Conference Center of the exact lodging facilities needed for our conference. If your reservation is not in by that time, the type of lodging you desire may no longer be available, as it may be given to another group. Your on-time reservation allows the American Union and Cohutta Springs Conference Center to prepare for your attendance.

2) A correction needs to be made to the Reservation Form. In addition to the regular conference fees, a **5% tax** must be added to all lodging fees. Please include this with your payment.

3) For those who may find it difficult to afford conference accommodations, we encourage you to look at alternative solutions. For example, several families can jointly rent a chalet or cabin and split the cost. (NOTE: Cohutta Springs Conference Center stipulates that chalet rooms are not allowed to be rented individually. The entire chalet must be rented, but the cost can be shared by several families.)

4) There will be a men’s cabin and a women’s cabin reserved for singles. If you are interested in sharing these cabins, please write this down on your Reservation Form.

5) A shuttle will be available from the **Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport** to the conference grounds. A fee (amount yet to be determined) will be charged for all who use this service. Out of consideration for those driving the shuttle, please do not schedule your flights too early in the morning or too late at night.

We look forward to your attendance at this year’s American Union Conference!

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### 2011 - 2012 Calendar

- **August 9-18, 2011**: International Youth Conference in Athens, Greece
- **August 23-24, 2011**: American Union Delegates’ Meetings
- **August 23-24, 2011**: American Union Youth Outing
- **August 24-27, 2011**: American Union Conference at Cohutta Springs Conference Center in Crandall, GA
- **September 20, 2011**: First Session of the Missionary Seminar begins
- **January 10, 2012**: Second Session of the Missionary Seminar begins
- **April 10, 2012**: Missionary Seminar Field Training begins
- **July 26-28, 2012**: Missionary Seminar Graduation and Evangelistic Event
Seventh-day Adventist Church Reform Movement
American Union Conference
International Missionary Society

Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, Georgia
August 24-27, 2011

Deadline for Registration: June 1, 2011

When completed, return this form with payment to: Evelyn Arevalo
10700 Harkwood Blvd., Orlando, FL 32817-3834
Phone: 407-678-3165 Email: au1914treasure@yahoo.com

Personal Information: Submit one Reservation Form per family, chalet, room, cabin, or campsite

Last ___________________ First ___________________ Phone # (___) ___________________

Family Attendance: How many people are in your family group?
# Adults (ages 13+) # Children (ages 6-12) # Infants (ages 0-5)

LODGING Order: Please check your choice of lodging.

Check the nights you will be staying: Monday, August 22 Tuesday, August 23 Wednesday, August 24
Thursday, August 25 Friday, August 26 Sabbath, August 27

MOTEL ROOMS (All 82 rooms include linens, microwave, refrigerator, iron/ironing board, and free wireless internet, plus a fantastic view of the lake and surrounding mountains.)

Standard (two queen beds) $105.00/night
Balcony king room $115.00/night
Balcony queen room with two beds $115.00/night
Suite (2 available) $150.00/night

We prefer: 1st Floor Handicap Accessible (4 available)

CHALETS (All come equipped with outfitted kitchens, gas or log fireplaces, multiple bedrooms, baths, balconies, and/or patios. Free wireless internet and a fantastic view are also included. A minimum of a two-night stay is required.)

Chalet 1 (4 bedrooms, sleeps 12) $259.00/night
Chalet 2 (5 bedrooms, sleeps 14) $289.00/night
Chalet 3 (6 bedrooms, sleeps 16) $349.00/night

CABINS (All 4 cabins include bunk beds, two private restrooms, two private showers, central heat and air conditioning. NO linens are provided.)

Cabin (sleeps up to 24) $150.00/cabin

CAMP LODGE ROOMS (All 8 rooms feature bunk beds, private restrooms, in-room heat and air conditioning. Linens ARE provided. Please note: These rooms are directly below the meeting hall and as such, may be noisier than other rooms.)

Camp Lodge Room (Sleeps 4, possibly 5 if two share a double bed) the rate for either of these rooms is $75.00/night

TENT SITES $5.00 per person per night

RV SITES (All 8 sites provide 30 amp breakers and water access. A bathhouse, with restroom and shower accommodations, is nearby.)

RV Site with sewer hook up (6 sites available) $25.00/night
RV Site without sewer hook up (2 sites available) $25.00/night
Pet Room Option $75.00 per stay

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**TOTAL FEES:** Lodging + 5% lodging tax + all meals $___________

(Please include payment with reservation form. Make checks/money orders payable to SDA Church Reform Movement, IMS, earmarked AU Conference.)

SHUTTLE: There are tentative plans to have a daily shuttle from the Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport to the conference grounds. If you are in need of this service, kindly provide us your travel information in the space below. More information regarding the shuttle service will be included in upcoming newsletters.

Airline: ___________________________ Flight #: ___________________________ Arrival Date: ______________

Arrival Time: ____________________ Departure Date: ____________________ Departure Time: ____________________